

CHILE ANXIOUS ABOUT NEW U. S. AMBASSADOR

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SITUATION IS DELICATE

South Americans Would Prefer Younger Active Man Able to Fight German Propaganda

SANTIAGO. Chile, March 15.—The entire issue of the future relationship of the United States and Chile hinges upon the choice of the successor to Ambassador Shen, whose resignation is persistently reported to be under consideration on account of his age and the strenuous demands of the post.

The situation is certainly not the result of any friction with the Chilean Government, which is most cordial with him. With the exception of Ambassador Fletcher (now Ambassador to Mexico) Shen is probably the most popular United States diplomat who has ever been here in a generation. He is popular both with the Chileans and with the Americans. His tactfulness, kindness and modesty have created the most favorable impression.

But in the event of his resignation pro-Ally here are very anxious that a younger, more aggressive and active man be selected, capable of carrying on the fight against German propaganda day and night.

Thorn in Chilean Sides

The fact that the Santiago appointment has been chosen as a political plum has been a thorn in the sides of Chileans for many years. They sensitively interpret this as indicating that the post is not considered of sufficient importance to justify the appointment of a diplomat chosen solely for his ability. Fletcher almost wiped out this impression and Shen had helped. The present healthy state of existing relations with Chile are credited to these two ambassadors.

As a matter of fact, the long-existing practices against the United States have virtually eliminated and Americans here point out that the selection of the strongest available man will be a compliment highly appreciated by the Chileans.

The previous prejudice was due to former military spots which were as follows:

First, the virtual intervention by the United States in behalf of Peru against Chile in the war of 1879.

Second, the mediation of the cruiser San Francisco in the revolution of 1891.

Third, The cruiser *Baltimore* also in 1891, when the United States issued an ultimatum demanding indemnity for sailors killed in a shore brawl at Valparaiso.

Fourth, Secretary Knox's ultimatum in connection with the Alago claims.

Bancer Dies

The ranger due to these four causes has about died out and the diplomatic wounds are practically healed. The Chilean attitude has become that of the man from Missouri. Chile is interested in the performances of the United States but is not interested in promises.

With candor, not evidenced elsewhere in Latin America, Chileans of the highest rank bluntly declare their country is not involved individually in the issues of the war. Chile recognizes its unusual opportunity for national growth and progress. She will follow the course dictated by expediency.

With the Panama Canal in operation and the British blockade of the Atlantic holding them in, indications that Chile may point toward the United States.

All these facts increase the interest in the possible successor to Shen. It is pointed out that unless he is a man more than ordinarily adroit, German misrepresentation and intrigue are certain to result in irreparable and incalculable damage.

VARE URGES DEATH PENALTY FOR SPIES

Representative Asserts More Drastic Handling of Enemy Aliens Is Necessary

Washington, March 15.—Power of civil courts to inflict the death sentence on German plotters in this country was advocated by Representative William S. Vare, of Philadelphia, in a statement supporting the bill introduced by Representative M. Clyde Kelly, of Pittsburgh.

"We have been at war with Germany long enough to reach the conclusion that the only effective weapon against the enemy who will plot to destroy our institutions is the death penalty," Mr. Vare said.

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ROWLEY NAMED COLLECTOR

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LIBERTY BOND SLACKERS FOUND BY CREDIT MEN

Reports Show Business Houses Have Invested Little in Government War Securities

SOLDIER GETS 2 YEARS, DODGED OPERATION

Camp Meade Man Sentenced When He Refuses to Submit as Ordered

REMOUNT DEPOT GROWS

The Rev. Mr. Adams Begins Series of Addresses in Y. M. C. A. Bungalows Tonight

By a Staff Correspondent
Camp Meade, March 15.

Soldiers at Little Pines must submit to surgical operations when such operations will enable them to perform their military duties more efficiently.

Failure to submit to an operation will involve the soldier in trouble. This was emphasized today when Private John Lyons, of the Auxiliary Remount Depot, was sent to a military prison for two years and informed that at the expiration of the sentence he will be dishonorably discharged from the service.

A few weeks ago the surgeons at the Base Hospital decided that it would be necessary to operate on Lyons. Lyons refused to submit and as a result he was court-martialed. The court found him guilty and General Kuhn upgraded the sentence.

Lyons' case is the first of that character to be disposed of at this camp. Previously soldiers have submitted to operations when informed that they were necessary. When the surgeon feels that an operation would be accompanied by grave danger and that it would not result in a permanent cure the soldier in question has been rejected. Scores of the men who were afflicted with ailments that were easily corrected by surgeons have submitted to operations.

Lyons will be sent to the United States Disciplinary Barracks at Fort Jay, New York.

Doctor Adams in Camp

For the next fortnight Camp Meade will enjoy the services of the Rev. George D. Adams, of the Chestnut Street Baptist Church, Philadelphia. The clergyman has volunteered to deliver a series of talks in the Y. M. C. A. bungalows and begins the series tonight.

Private Adams has a son who is serving in France.

Frank and his son volunteered to go "over there." If the "Y" organization feels that he can be of service.

Although the wholesale raids are apparently over, the war clubs continue to meet away at the Liberty Division and today transferred three men from the 10th Infantry to the Quartermaster Department. The Rev. Dr. Joseph H. Snyder, Owen J. Mulry and Lewis Weilberg, Archibald C. Christie and Julian A. Murray, of the 31st Inf. Artillery were also transferred to the Quartermaster's Department.

The Rev. A. H. Eckels, of Yorkers, N. Y., who has been serving as "Y" secretary at this camp for more than two months, has been assigned to duty in Frankfort and leaves tomorrow.

Remount Station Grows

From a very humble beginning the remount station has grown rapidly and organized, and on the 15-mile track which lies two miles to the westward of the rambling barracks are two thousand horses and three thousand mules.

Major P. F. Menda is in command of the station, but the minister-extraordinary of gentlemen who has had the last word in the early history of the station is Michael Quinn. He is a cousin of big Jim Coffey, the New York pugilist.

Seventy men and six officers comprise the veterinary corps and the task of selecting animals for service abroad is being performed increased wages on condition that the sixteen who remain in force. The Central Labor Union had a protest to the Bureau of War Service Commission and the union carried its demand that it be withdrawn, stating that the notion of the central body was antagonistic to the interests of the Carmen.

UNION FIGHTS FARE BOOST

Plan of Car Men Fails to Stop Action by Central Body

Wilkes-Barre, March 15.—The Central Labor Union has ignored the appeal of the union carmen of the Wilkes-Barre railroad to withdraw its protest to the railroad's fare hike. The carmen have been promised increased wages on condition that the sixteen who remain in force. The Central Labor Union had a protest to the Bureau of War Service Commission and the union carried its demand that it be withdrawn, stating that the notion of the central body was antagonistic to the interests of the Carmen.

Holds Newspapers War Necessity

Syracuse, N. Y., March 15.—William Nathaniel, attorney for the draft board, has held the publication of newspapers necessary to the successful prosecution of the war. This decision was made in the case of a Syracuse newspaper man, and he was placed in Class Three I, "as a necessary associate or assistant in a necessary industrial enterprise."

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